

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE



ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Enforcement Program



10-Year Funding and Staffing Trends

November 2006



Enforcement RIF Positions

- At merger, there were 192 funded FTEs.
- From the time of merger (93-95) to the post 97-99 RIF, forty (40) funded Enforcement positions were reduced.
 - FTE reductions included General Fund-State and Wildlife Fund-State shortfalls, as well as loss of federal Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) funding.



Reinstated Positions

- During the 99-01 and 01-03 biennia, thirty (30) positions were either reinstated or added.
 - Some positions lost in the RIF were again funded.
 - Dangerous bear and cougar positions were funded (8 FTEs).
 - The program received a federal Department of Justice (DOJ) grant for 3 FTEs.
 - The Hunter Education unit was transferred to Enforcement from elsewhere in the agency, adding 5 FTEs.



Reductions Since 01-03

- From the 01-03 Biennium to the present, twenty-one (21) funded positions have been reduced.
 - Federal DOJ-funded positions were discontinued.
 - Senior officers retired, leaving funded positions vacant. Due to General Fund-State shortfall reductions, those positions were taken away.
 - Increased employer-share benefit costs for the LEOFF retirement system were not funded, resulting in fewer funded positions.
 - Unfunded federal mandates and increased operating costs associated with ESA and sanitary shellfish on-the-water harvest compliance, in order to sustain commercial industry and recreational opportunity, have also resulted in fewer funded positions.
 - The creation of the Marine Division included increased operating costs of \$150k per year. These funds were diverted from other activities.

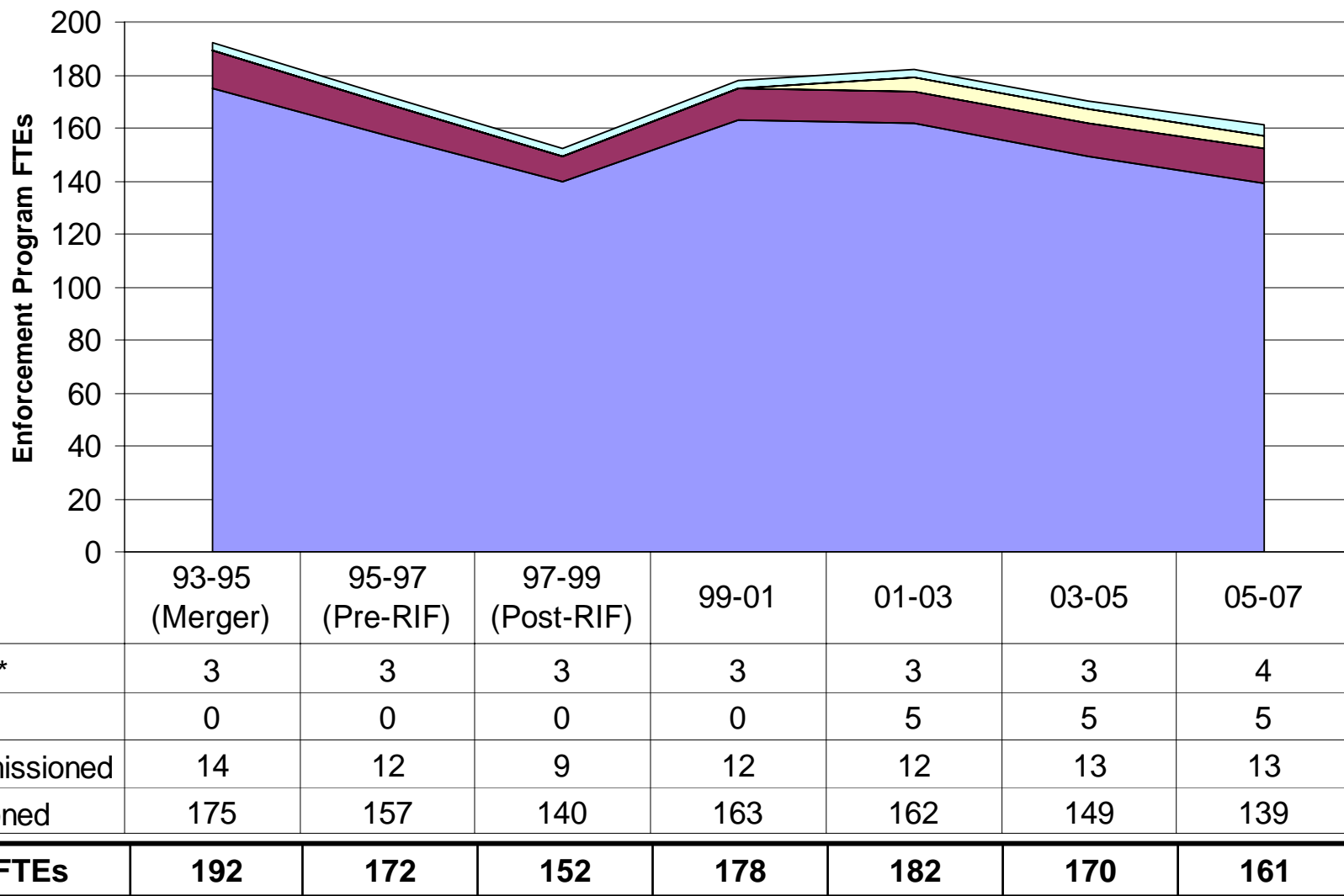


FTEs Since Merger

- Since merger of the former Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife, the number of Enforcement FTEs funded are at their lowest level since the 1998 Wildlife Fund shortfall reduction-in-force (RIF) action.
- At present, there are 161 funded FTEs, a 16% reduction, or 31 FTEs less.



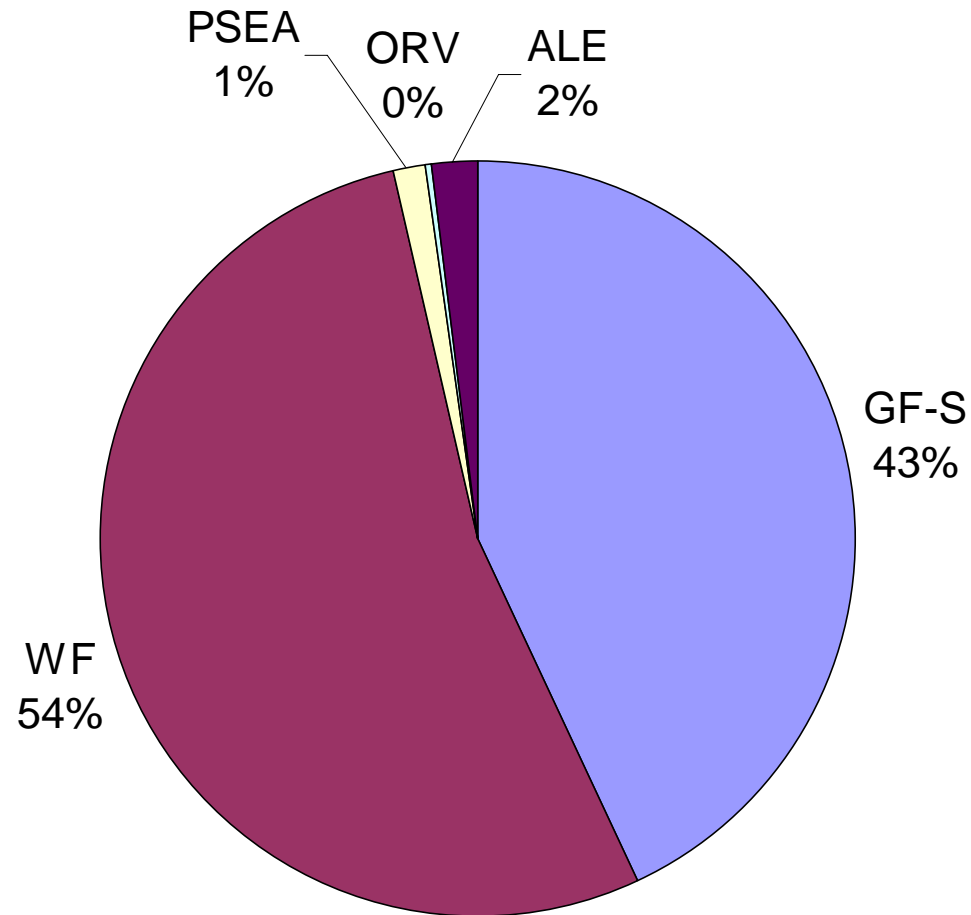
Enforcement Program FTEs by Biennium



* Other FTEs include part-time staff for deer and elk damage herders and hazers, overtime FTE, and terminal leave pay FTE.



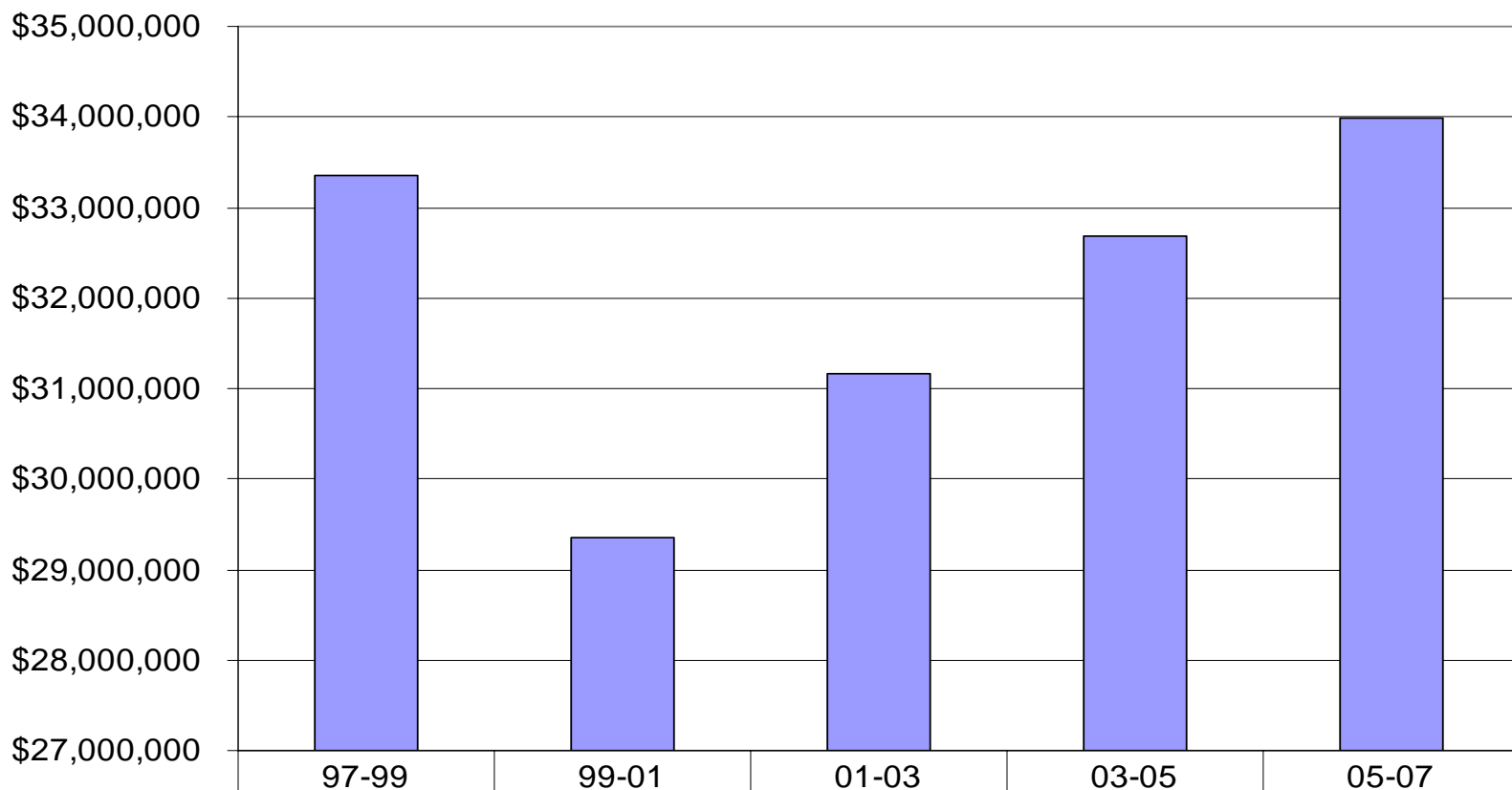
Enforcement Budget Sources





Budget Allotment Reflected in Year 2005 Equivalent Dollars

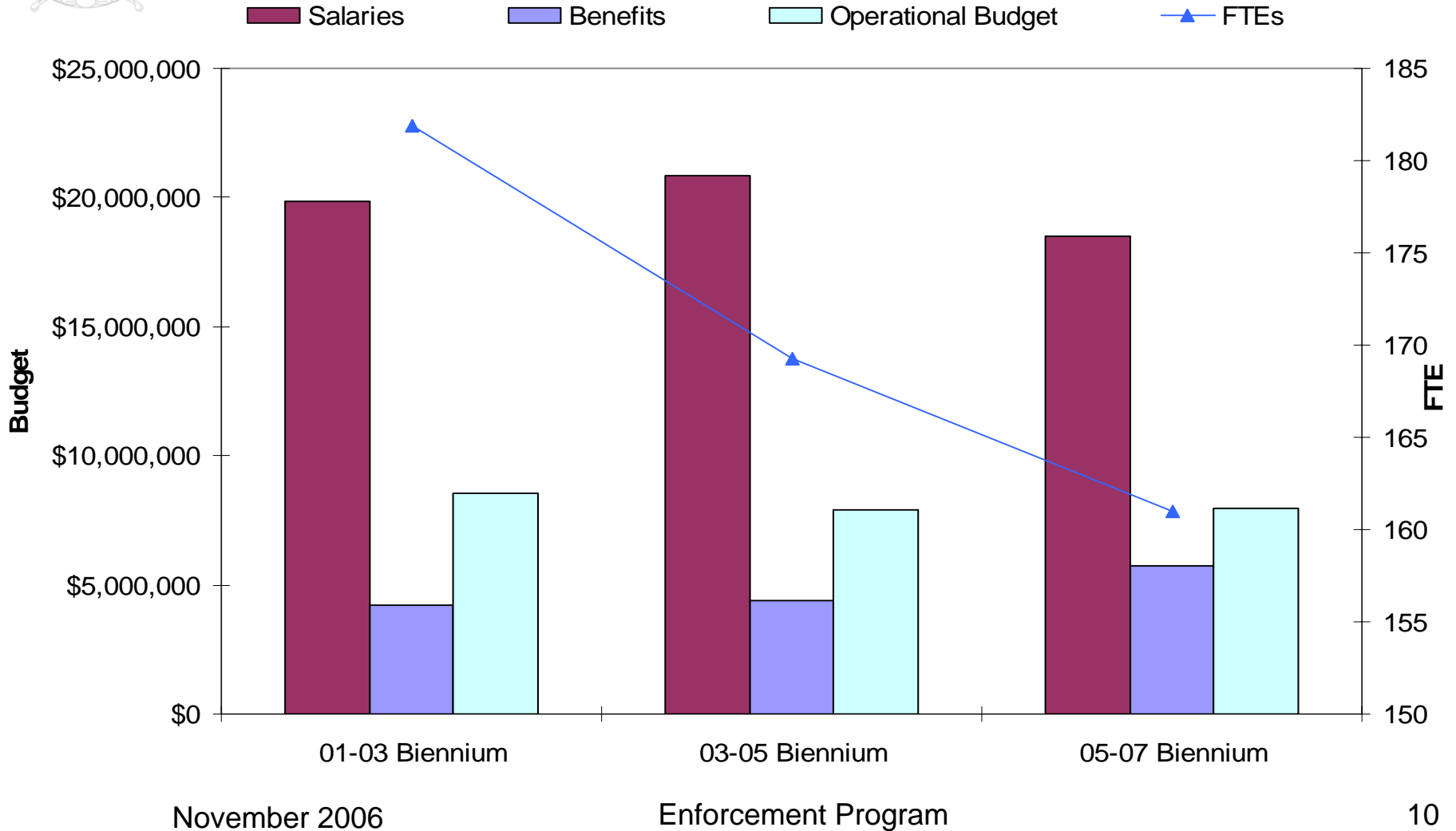
Adjusted for Inflation, budget is up 2% from FY 97-99 to 05-07

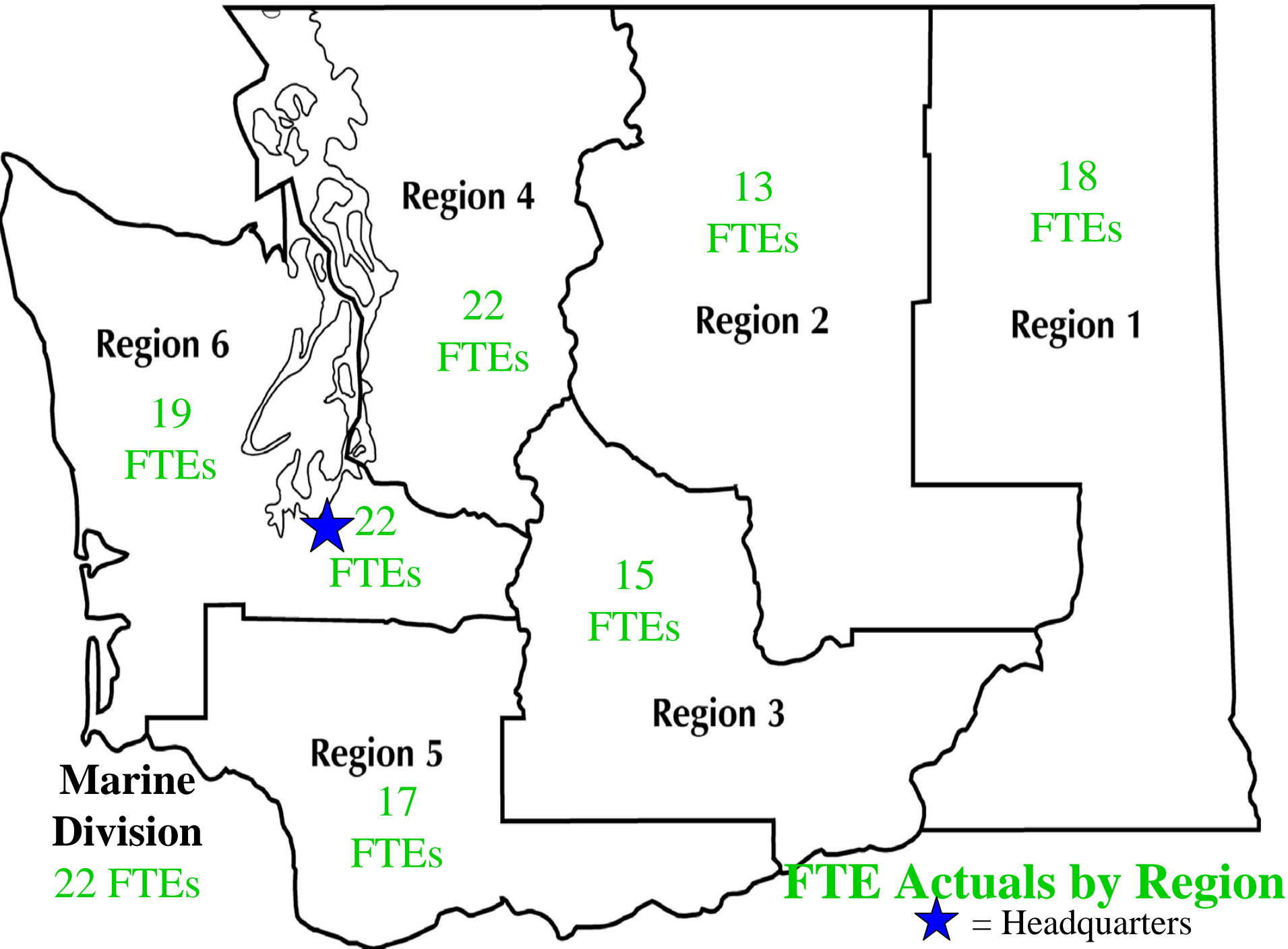


<div></div> Budget Allotment	\$33,350,702.77	\$29,348,919.66	\$31,161,070.23	\$32,676,479.48	\$33,982,000.00
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Enforcement Program Budget/FTEs







Enforcement Program Changes since 1994:

- ESA Listings
- Dangerous Wildlife Response (Hound Initiative)
- Trapping Initiative (Body-Gripping Traps)
- Sanitary Shellfish Patrol Requirements
- Selective Fisheries
- Watchable Wildlife Participation
- General Law Enforcement Authority



WA Square Mileage

- Washington State is the 20th largest state in the United States, with 39 counties encompassing 66,582 square miles.



WA Coastline and Shoreline

- Washington's coastline measures 157 miles.
- The total shoreline measures 3,026 miles, including along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound, and the islands of the Puget Sound.

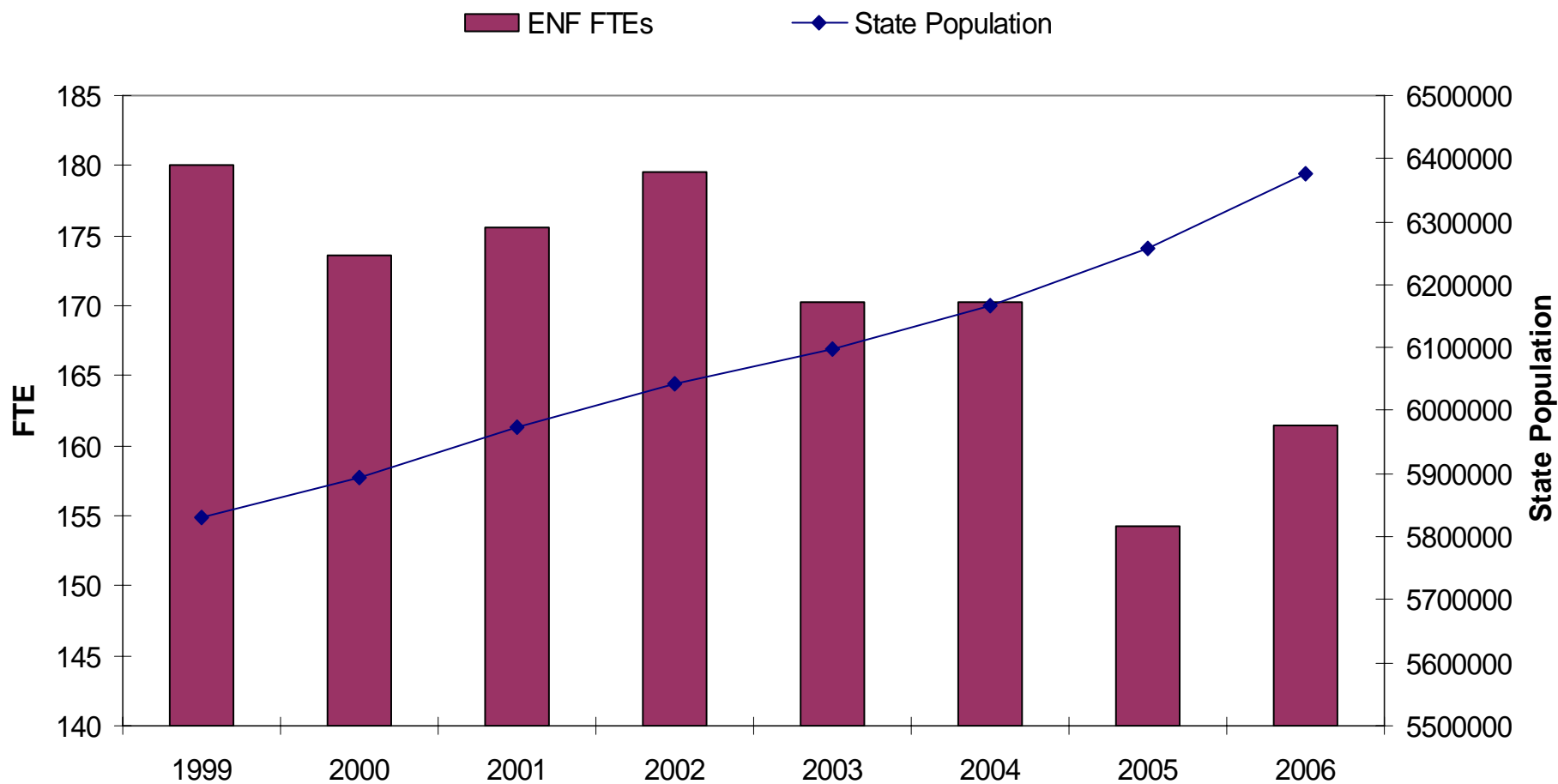


WA Water

- There are 8,000 lakes and 40,000 miles of rivers and streams.
- The Columbia River, one of the longest rivers in the United States, flows through Washington for more than 700 miles and drains more than half of the state.
- Washington has 4724.732 square miles of water.

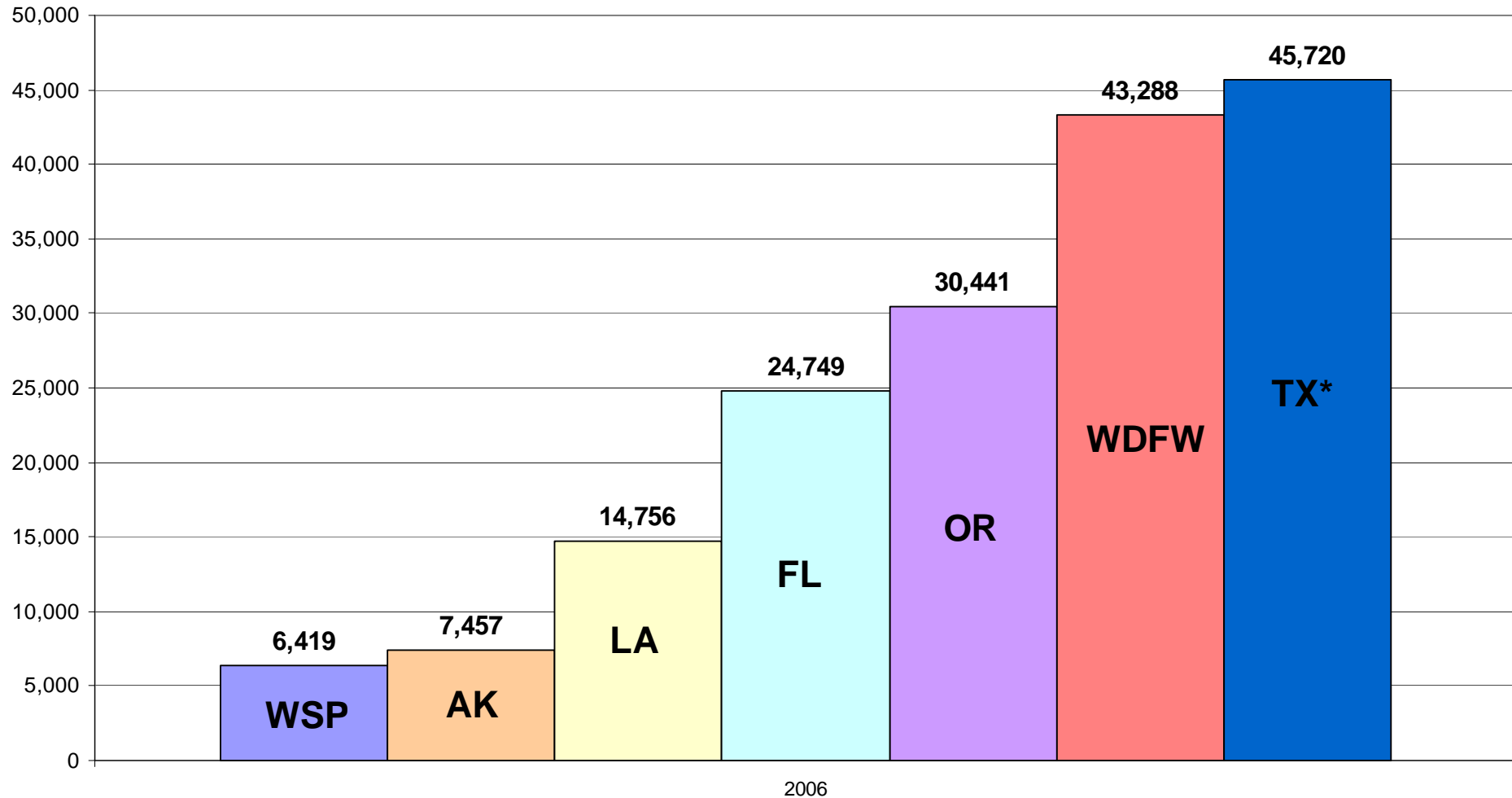


State Population and Enforcement FTE Trends





Ratio of 1 Officer to # of Citizens



*Note: Texas' population is **22,859,968**; Washington's is **6,649,865**



Funded Enforcement Positions

- The Enforcement Program is considering a staffing proposal for the 2007 Legislative Session. The proposal could include increased officer positions and civilian evidence technicians.
- 07-09 Proposed Budget includes:
 - Colville Initiative = 3 FTEs
 - Sanitary Shellfish Enforcement = 3 FTEs
 - Property/Evidence Custodians = 3 FTEs
 - Selective Fisheries = 3 FTEs

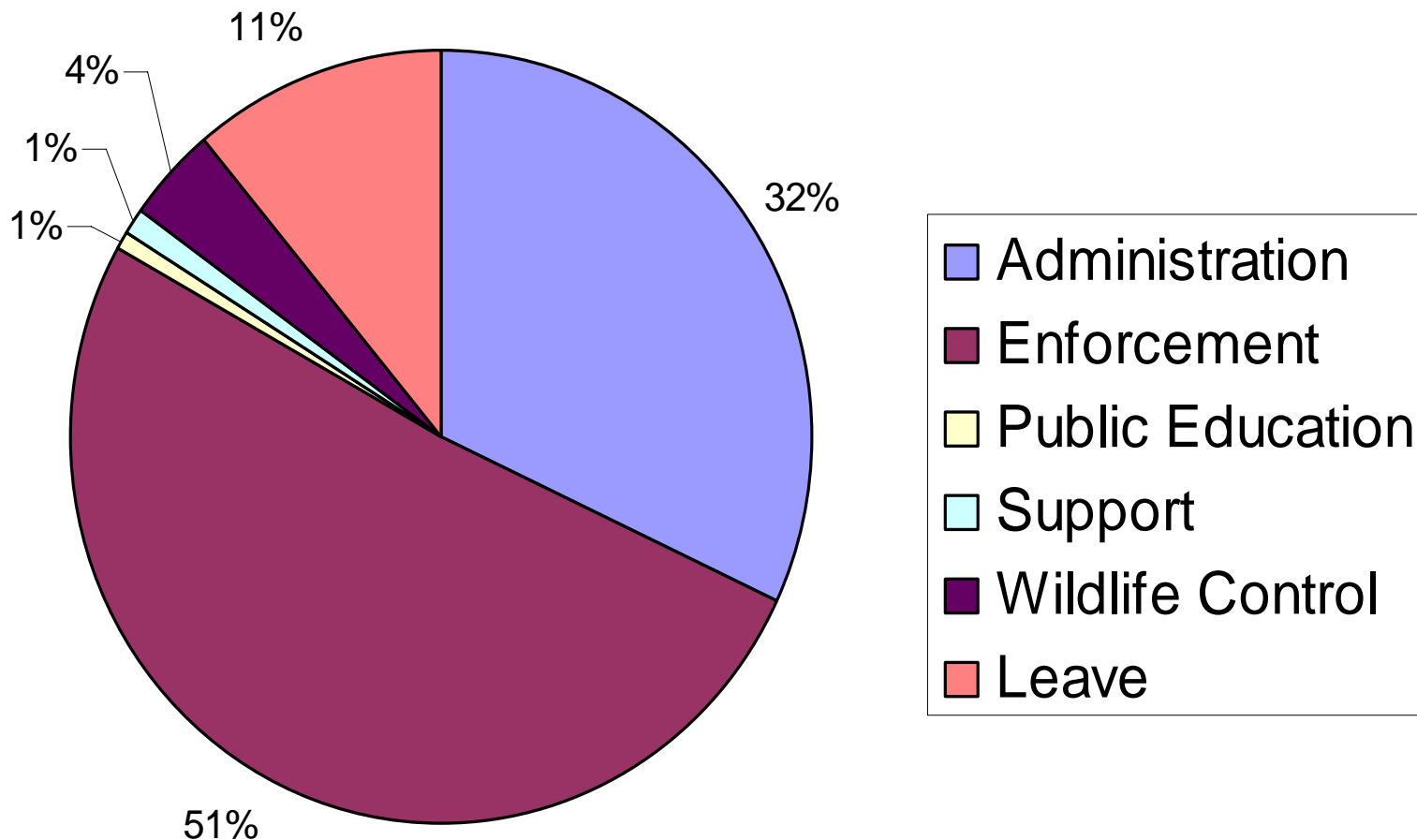


Officer Hourly Activity in Major Category

Category	2003	2004	2005	% Change 03-05	% of Total in 2005
Administration	98233	94733	91718	-7%	32%
Enforcement	128418	136475	148646	16%	51%
Public Education	3355	3352	3564	6%	1%
Support	3353	2244	1864	-44%	1%
Leave	33247	31755	33537	1%	11%
Wildlife Control	11995	11643	10823	-10%	4%



2005 Officer Hourly Activity

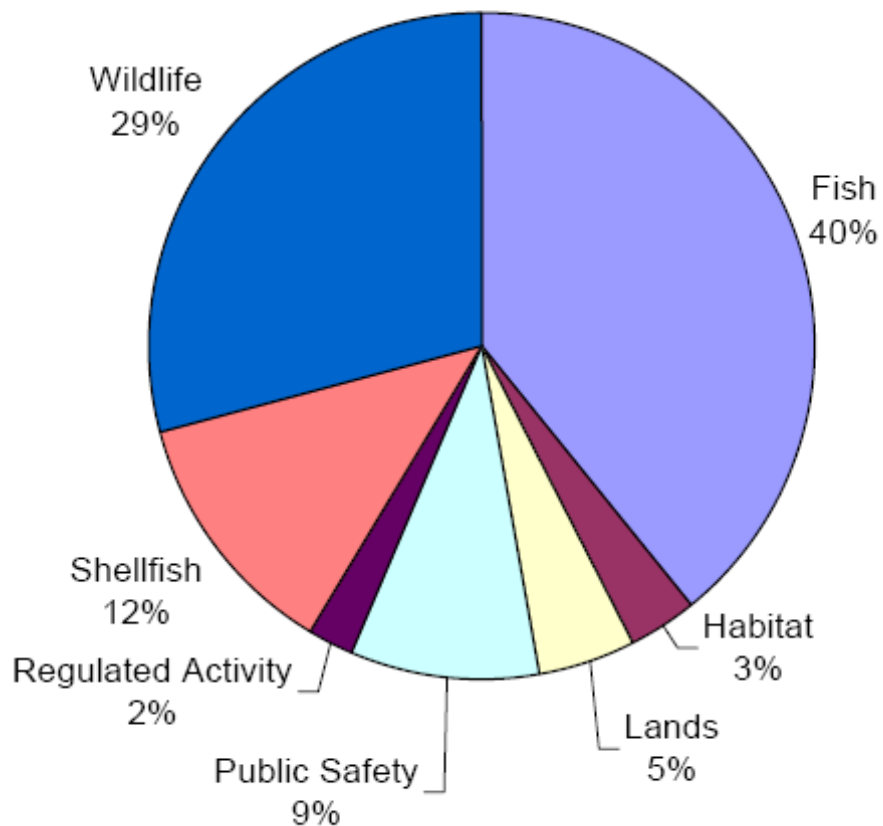




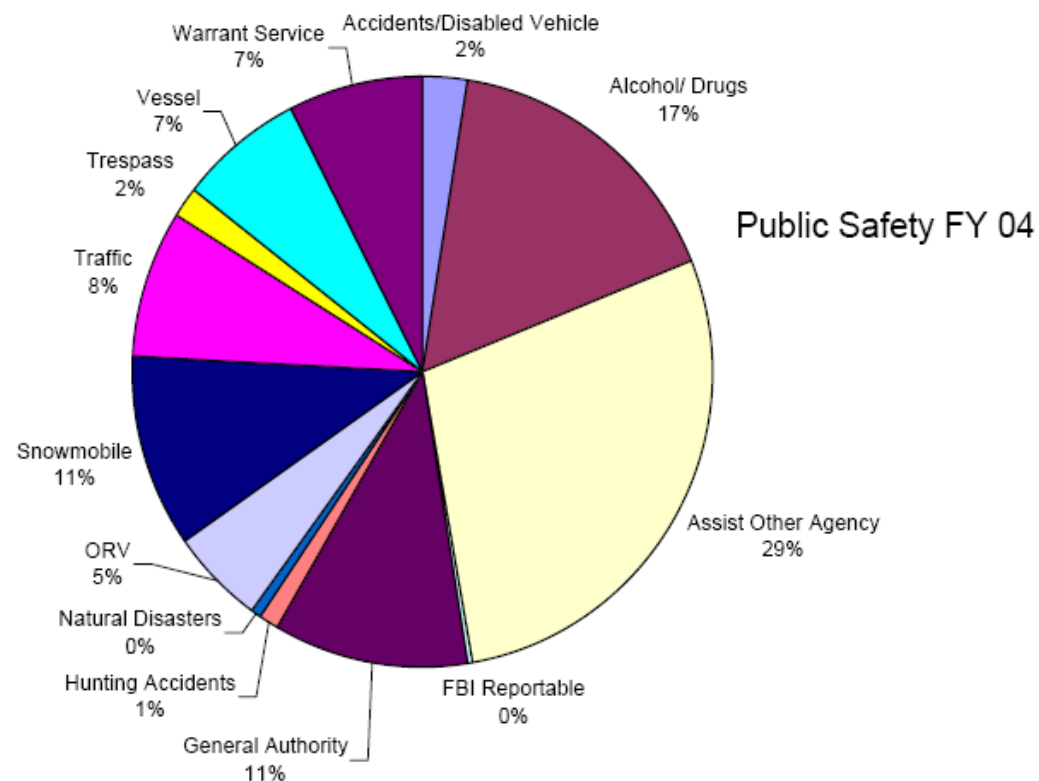
Total Enforcement Program Activity

Category	2003	2004	2005	% Change 03-05
Contacts	190856	213513	232603	12%
Violations	24407	31852	37796	55%
Arrests	16267	20148	23503	45%
Written Warnings	2807	2779	1740	-38%
Verbal Warnings	8123	10552	14266	76%
Officer Assists	2214	8416	9732	340%
HPA Check Form	551	579	832	51%
Problem Wildlife Reports	2723	3305	3333	22%
Damage Claim Reports	120	66	70	-42%
Regulated Activity Check	1152	1303	2313	101%

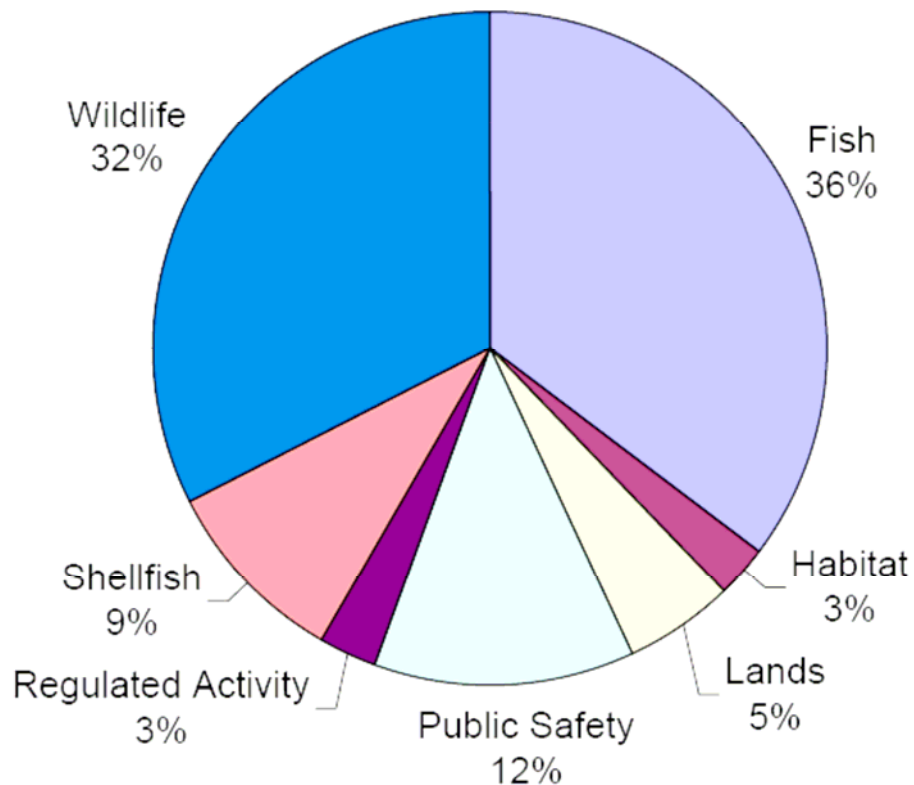
Enforcement Hours FY 04



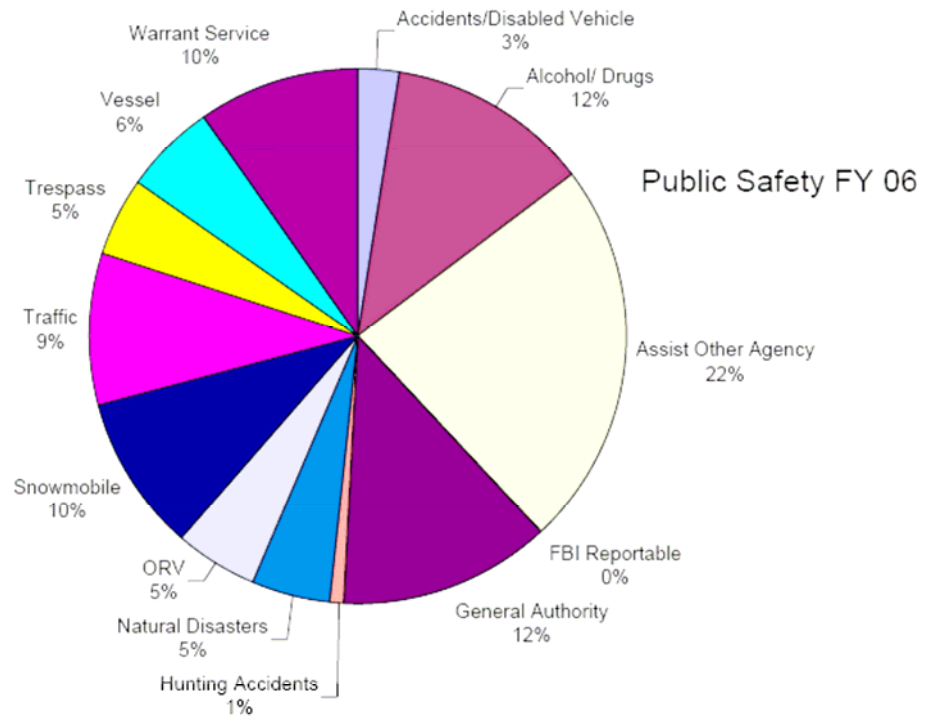
Enforcement Activity Hours FY 03-04



Enforcement Hours FY 06



Enforcement Activity Hours FY 05-06



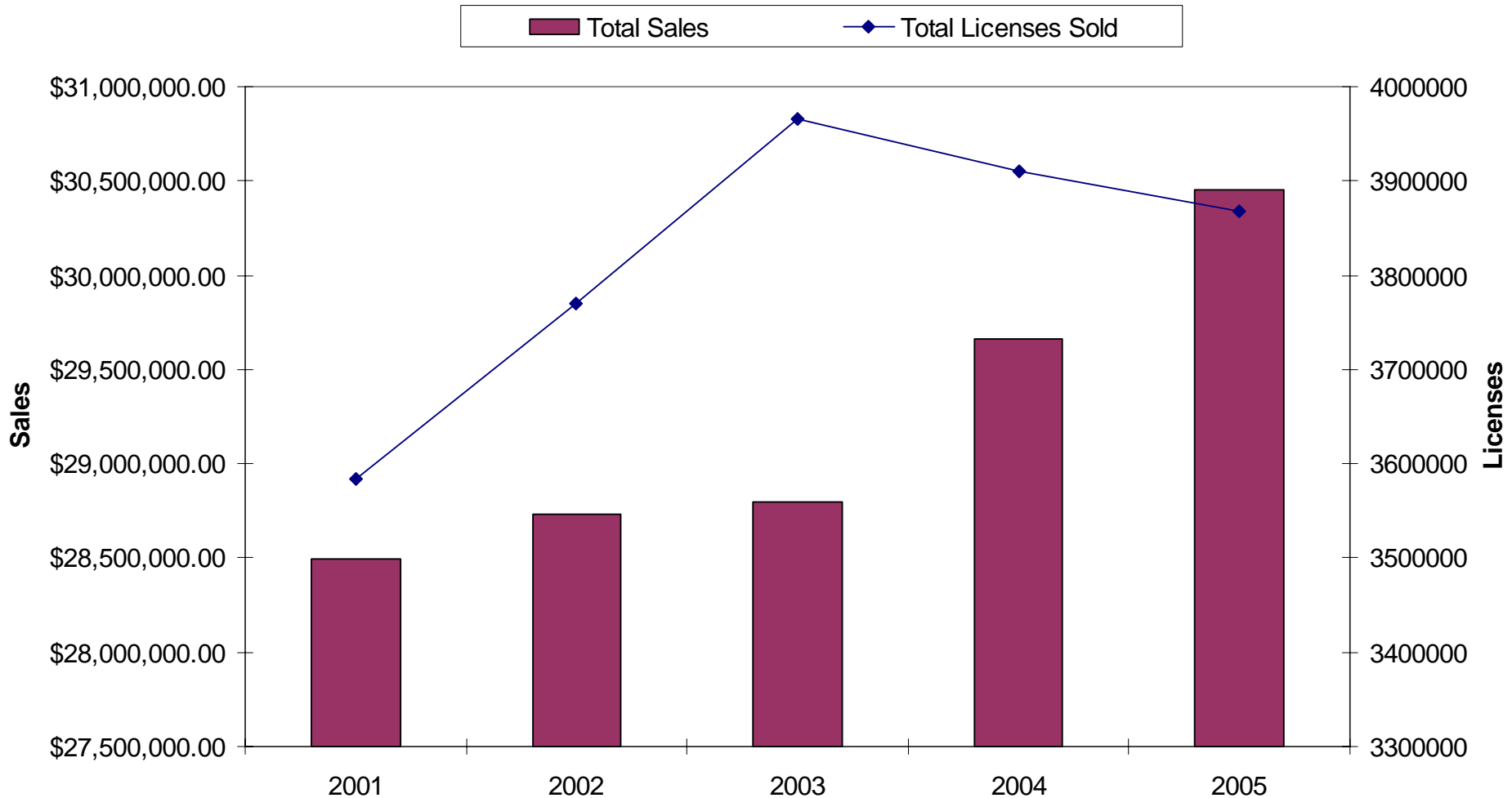




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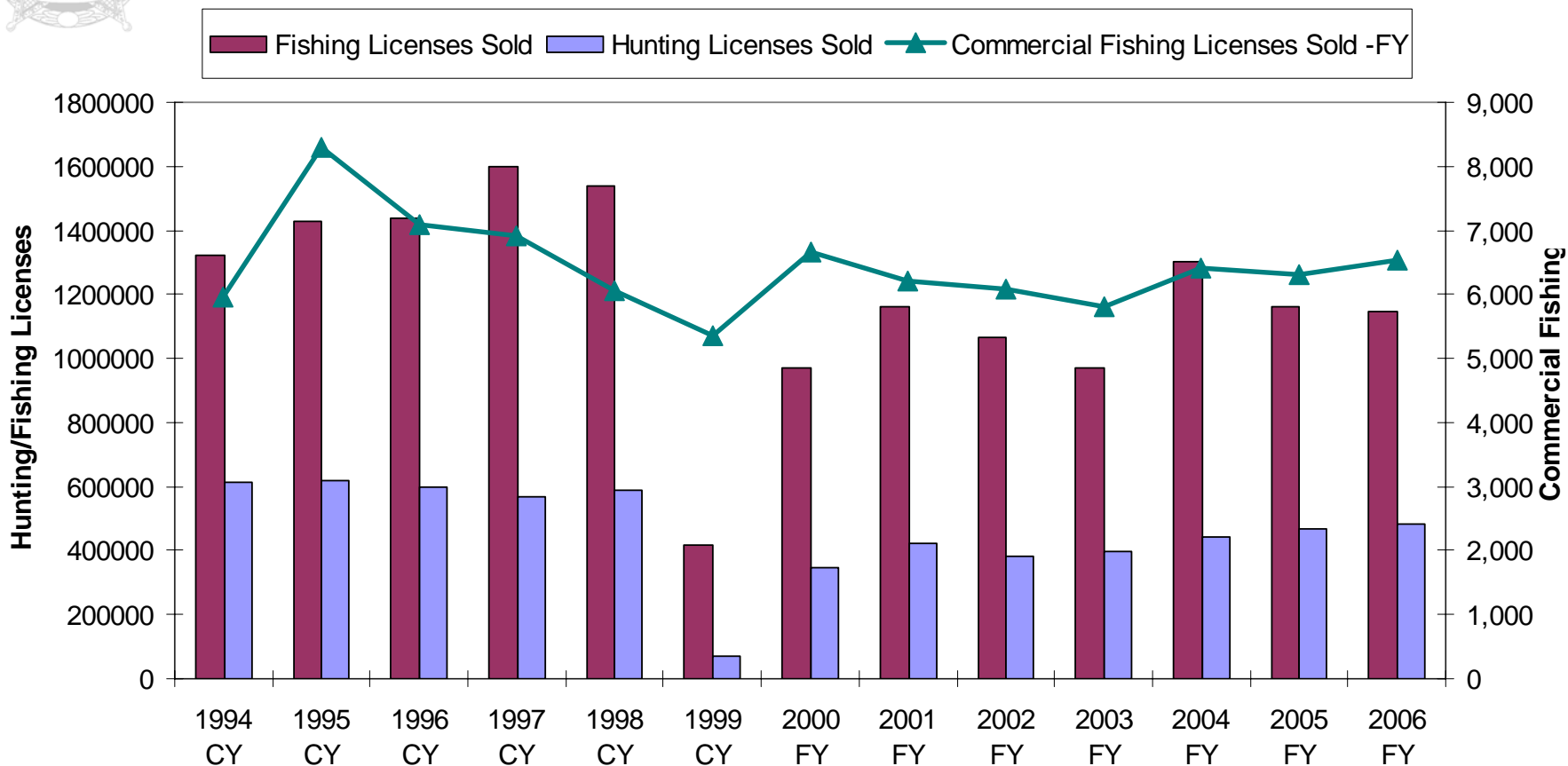


WDFW License Sales





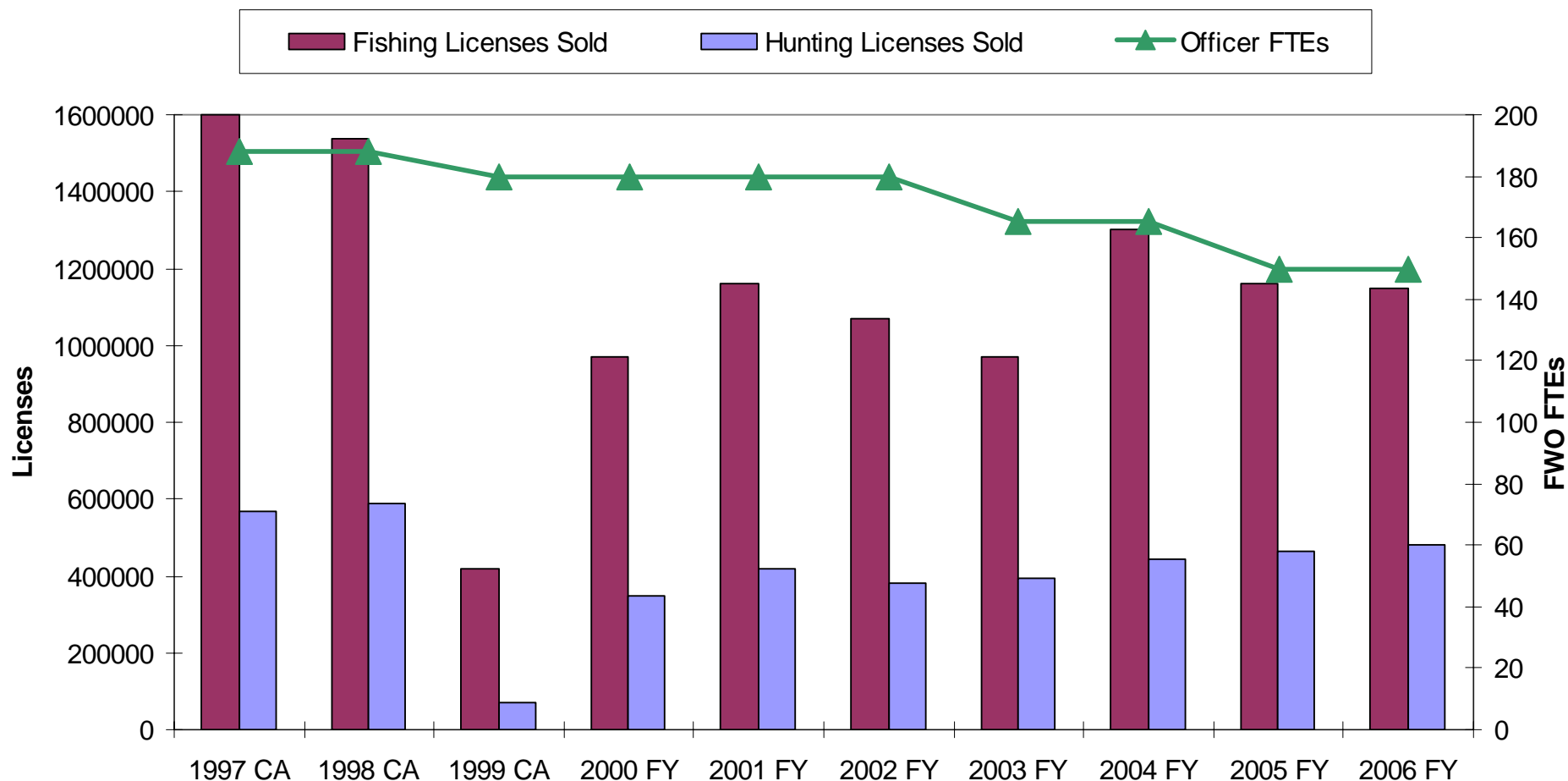
Washington Licenses



- 1994-1998 Rec. licenses state are in Calendar Year
- 1999 Rec. Stats are from Jan. 1 – June 30
- 2000-2006 are FY July-June
- Commercial Stats are all FY July-June

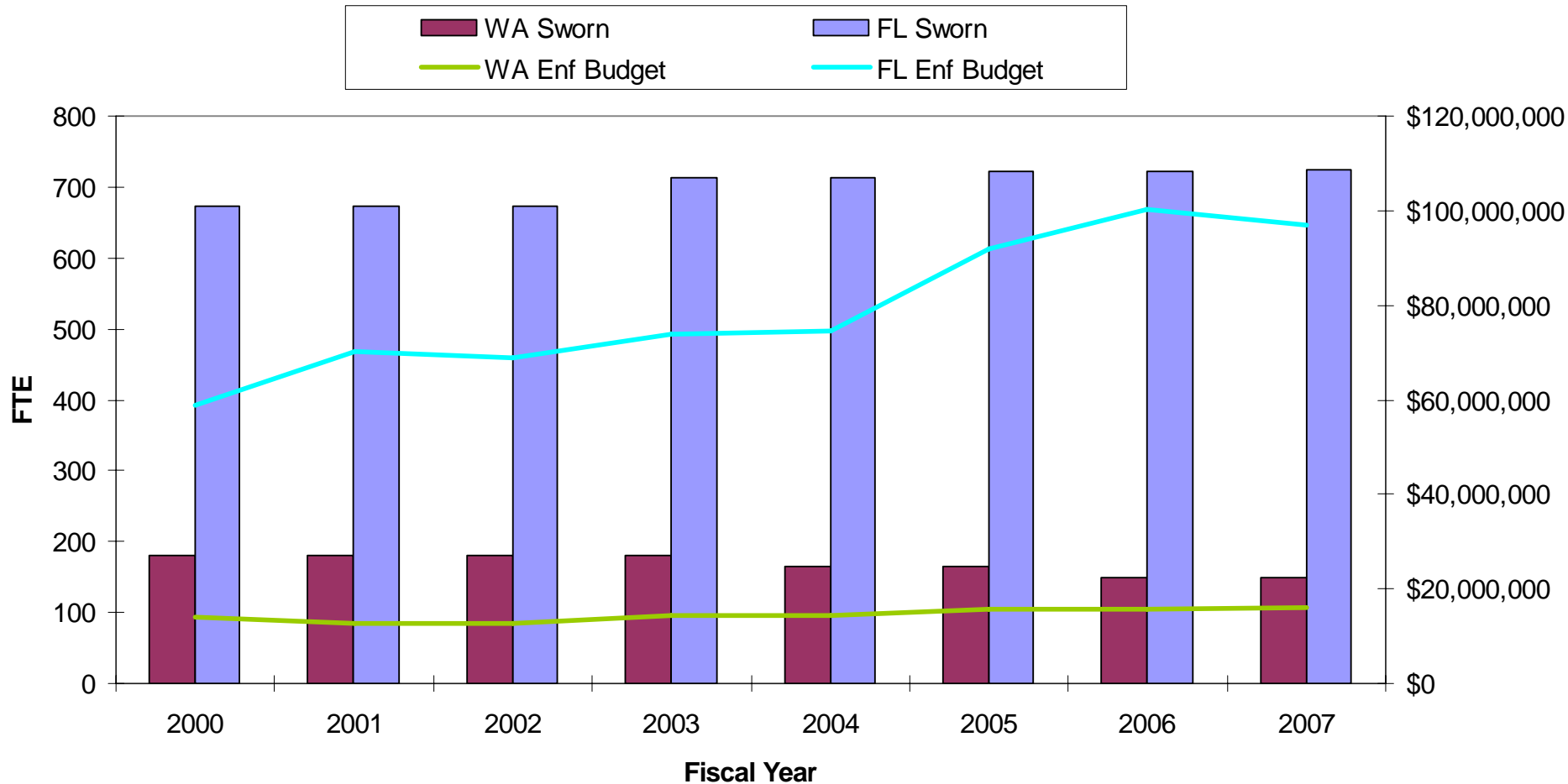


Hunting/Fishing Licenses Sold and FWO FTEs





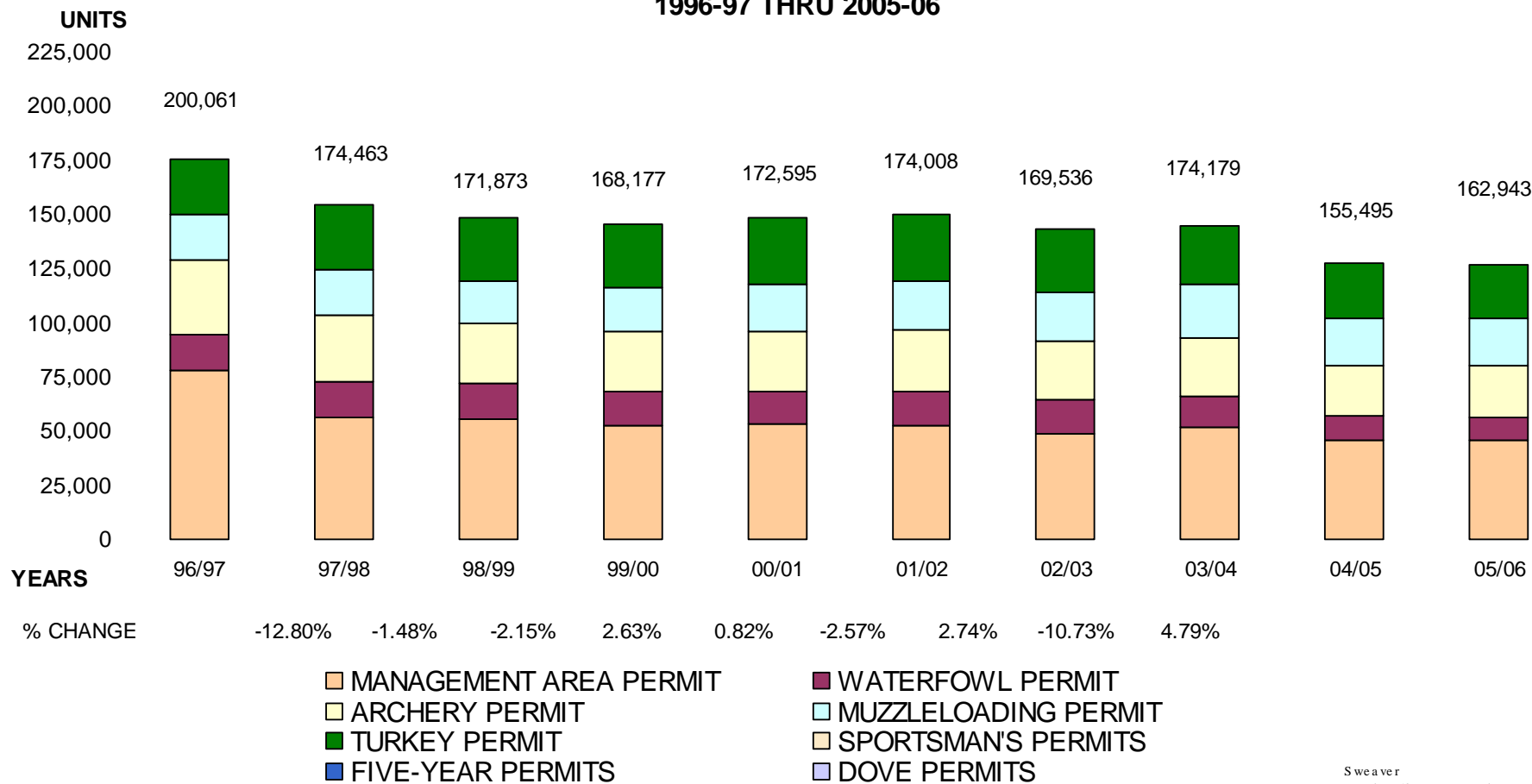
Florida and WDFW Enforcement FTE and Budget Comparison





Florida Hunting Permits

TOTAL HUNTING PERMITS 1996-97 THRU 2005-06





Florida Fishing Licenses

RESIDENT SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES

1994-95 THRU 2003-04

(PAID LICENSE HOLDERS ONLY)

UNITS

750,000

600,000

450,000

300,000

150,000

0

YEARS

% CHANGE

94/95

95/96

96/97

97/98

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02/03

03/04

RES 12 MONTH & RES 10 DAY

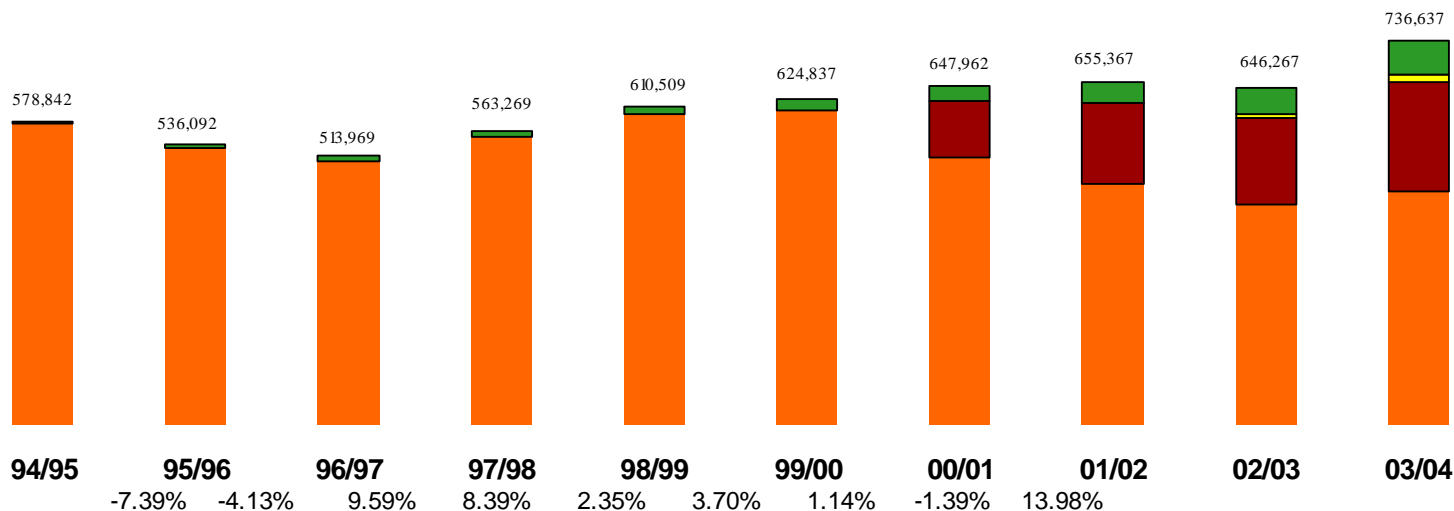
RES COMBO (HF,FC)

GOLD SPORTSMAN

FIVE YEAR - NEW & CO

Note: 12 month license was established in 89/90 at \$12 - no increases.
03/04 increase due to transfer to automated license system.

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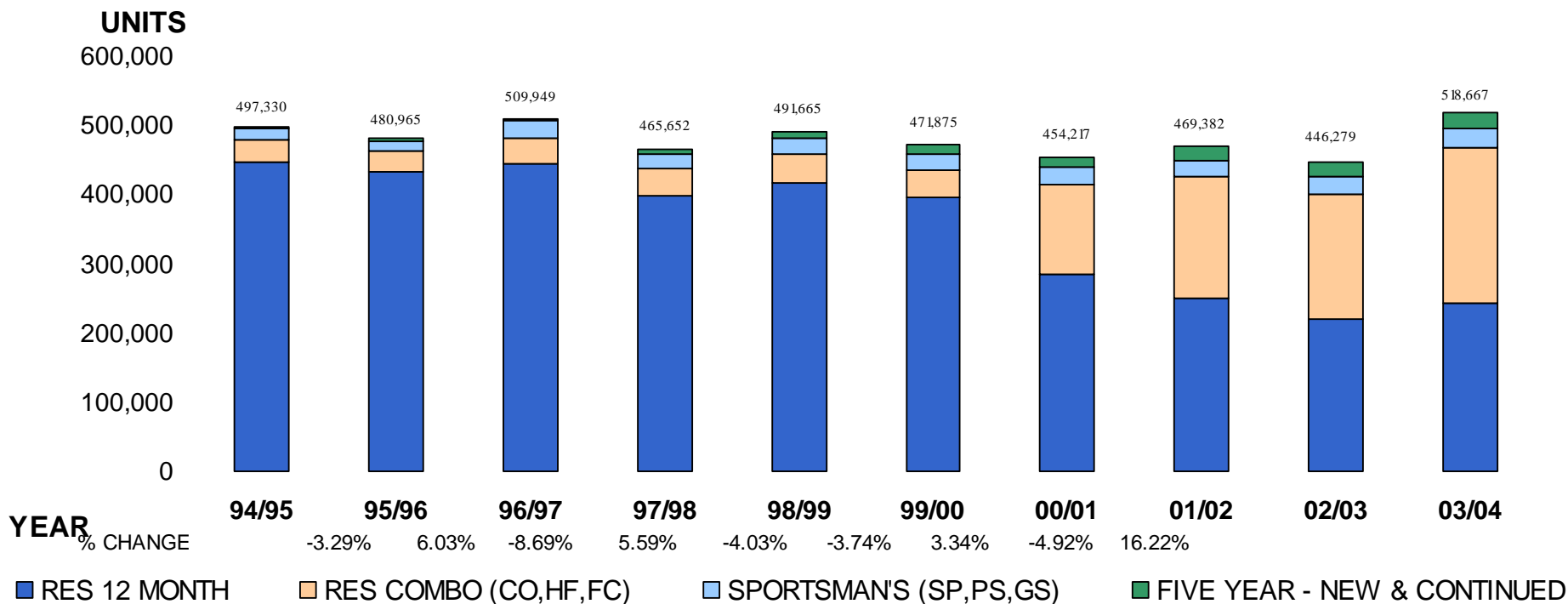


Florida Fishing Licenses

RESIDENT FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSES

1994-95 THRU 2003-04

(PAID LICENSE HOLDERS ONLY)



Note: 96/97 includes 13 months of sales due to license system changes.

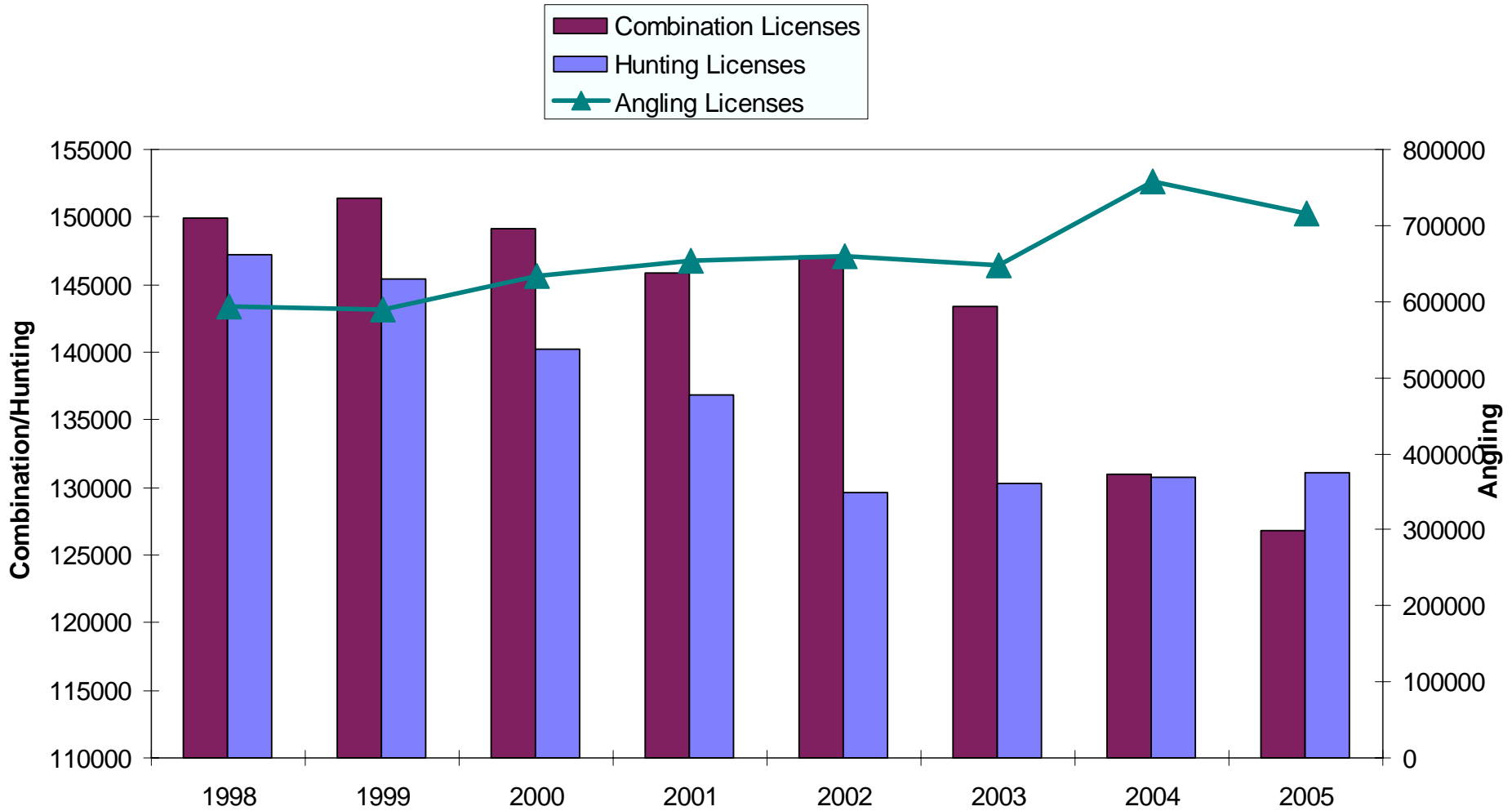
Currently a 12 month license is \$12 - last price increase was in 89/90 from \$7 to \$12.

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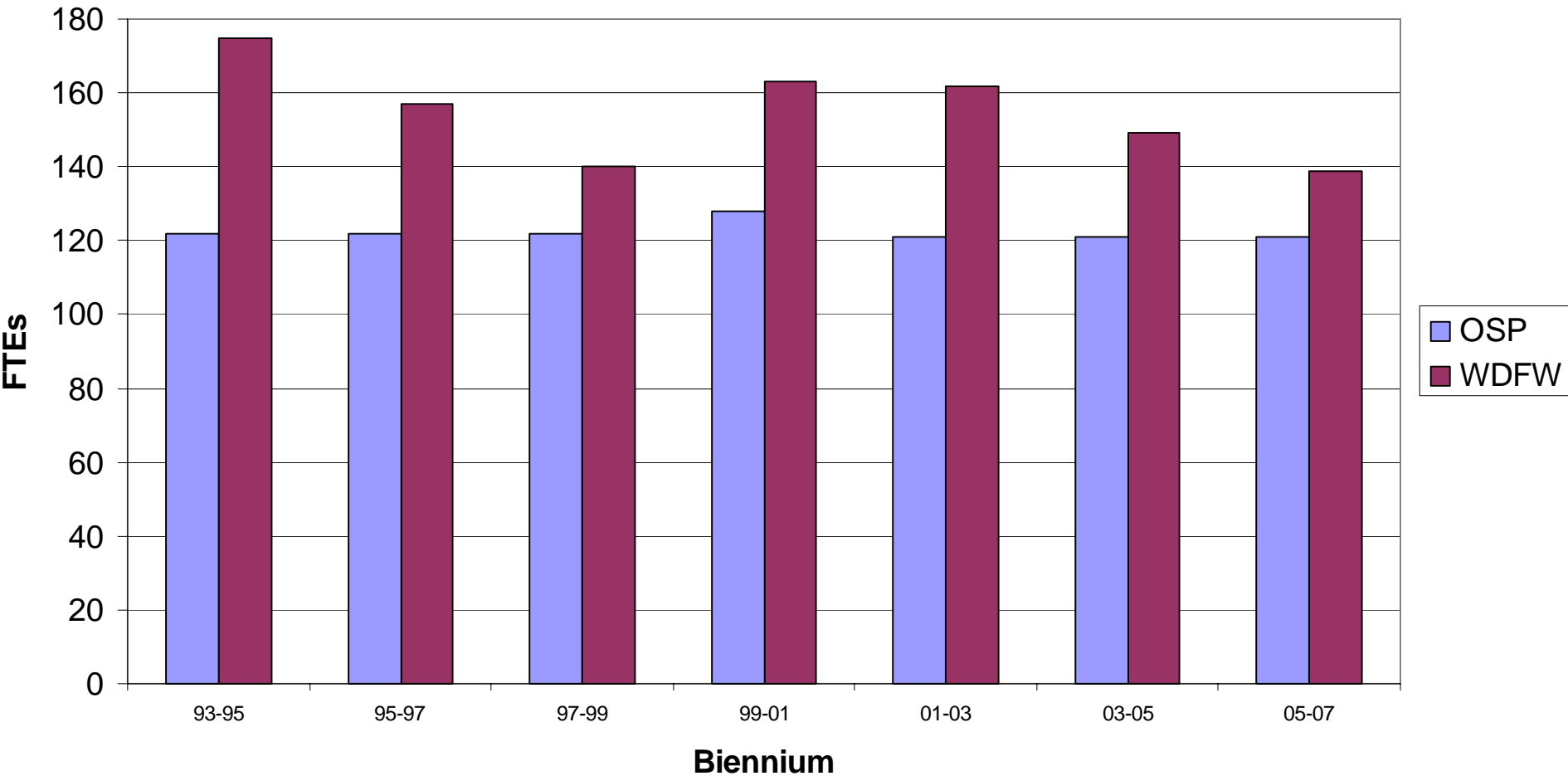


Oregon License Sales





OSP vs. WDFW Commissioned Officer FTEs





Closed Officer Complaints 2003-2005

